

Claims:

1. Dental floss holder (1) having a grip (4), in which can be inserted a floss supply spool, a fork (2) with two prongs (3), between which can be stretched a dental floss, as well as at least one holding element (8) for locking the dental floss, characterized in that the grip (4) has a substantially drop-shaped construction and that the grip (4) is connected to the fork (2) by means of an arm (9), the at least one holding element (8) being fitted to the top of the arm.

2. Dental floss holder according to claim 1, characterized in that the grip (4) is constructed as a shell construction.

10 3. Dental floss holder according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the arm length is approximately 0 to approximately 7 cm.

4. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the diameter of the drop-shaped grip (4) is approximately 3 to approximately 7 cm.

15 5. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the prongs (3) of the fork (2) have a cross-section of approximately 1 to approximately 3 mmy.

20 6. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the prongs (3) of the fork (2) are bent downwards and outwards with respect to the longitudinal axis of the dental floss holder.

7. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the grip has two parts, the first part (4a) having a shell-shaped construction and the second part (4b) is constructed as a detachable or fold-down lid.

8. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that within the grip (4) is contained a post (10), which extends substantially perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the dental floss holder.

5 9. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the grip is provided with a resiliently mounted locking mechanism (12), which has a post (13) operable by pressure for releasing the locking action.

10. Dental floss holder according to claim 9, characterized in that the resiliently mounting is implemented by a spring element (15) and that the grip (4) has securing elements (16) for preventing the jumping out of the spring element (15).

10 11. Dental floss holder according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it has a cutting device (11) for cutting off the used dental floss.

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